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1. The Moscow Penicillin Factory is located 600 meters northeast of the Dynamo Stadium and 1,500 meters east of the Leningrad highway. The plant covers an area of 400x500 meters. The buildings are from 10 to 15 years old. During the time of observation repair work was done but no new construction projects were seen.
2. The main production building is a four-story structure, 50x30 meters. A boiler installation with two or three coal-burning boilers is on the ground floor. The raw materials are poured into the boilers. A thick milk-white liquid is produced in the first processing stage and pumped through the pipelines to the second floor. Centrifuges, stirrers, and various containers are on the second floor. Here the preliminary product passes through the next processing stage whereby camphor is separated as a by-product. The camphor is poured into ampules. PWs frequently procured such ampules for the German camp physician. The laboratories and final production department were on the third floor where the white, translucent liquid was filled in flasks holding about 100 grams. The flasks, which were 8 cm high, were sealed with a brown rubber cap. Source did not enter the fourth floor.
3. Other plant buildings are the administration building, a two-story stone structure, 40x20 meters; the boilerhouse, a stone structure about 25 meter high; the warehouse, a stone structure, 10x8 meters; and the kitchen, a two-story stone structure, 12x5 meters. Electric power was supplied from outside. There was no source of electricity for emergencies.
4. Penicillin and camphor are produced. The amount is not recorded. The products were shipped away in 25 to 30 kg-boxes. Incoming shipments included glucose in 3 kg-packages. It was identified as such by the German physician and was also eaten occasionally by PWs. Another raw material was a white, curd-like inedible mass.
5. The work force per shift comprised about 400 civilian workers, 60 to 70 percent of whom were women. In addition, about 40 PWs were employed in each shift as transportation workmen and masons. Work was done in three eight-hour shifts.

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6. A two-meter high wooden fence surrounds the plant and guards are posted at the plant entrance and in the workshops.
7. Another plant is 300 meters south of the penicillin factory.

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~~Comment.~~ According to the location indicated, the plant is the Penicillin Factory No 40. The distances are underestimated. The plant is actually 2,000 meters east of the Leningrad highway. The plant located in the south is the Butyrski Aniline Factory. The indications on the individual plant installations confirm previous information. However, the location of the individual buildings on the plant area is not clearly determined. See Annex for source's sketch map of the plant.

1 Annex: Map of the Plant.~~CONTROL/US OFFICIALS ONLY~~~~CONFIDENTIAL~~